

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of:**

Heiko Kossack, et al.

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AXIAL POSITIONING OF THE CAGE

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Dear Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of the specification and claims, as amended, is included with this paper.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: